

I oppose media concentration!

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

AMERICA CANNOT AFFORD TO ALLOW A SMALL GROUP OF CORPORATIONS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS TO ASSERT CONTROL OF INFORMATION BY CONTROLLING INFORMATION OUTLETS!

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in ALL parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere of an FCC rulemaking is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, but a social interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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